GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1391
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2016
Performance of Brahmaputra Board
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of Brahmaputra Board during each of the last three years and the current year;
(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
(c) the number of projects sanctioned and approved by Brahmaputra Board during the said period in Assam;
(d) the details of difficulties, if any, faced in the implementation of the said projects; and
(e) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
(Dr. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam, The performance of Brahmaputra Board is reviewed during the meetings of the Board held at regular intervals, generally twice a year. The performance of Brahmaputra Board is reflected in the respective Annual Reports which are approved by the Board during its meetings. Annual Reports are then placed before both the Houses of Parliament every year with the approval of Hon'ble Minister/ Minister of State, WR, RD & GR. Details of Board meetings held during last three years and the current year are provided at Annexure-I. Details of laying of Annual Reports of Brahmaputra Board in both Houses of Parliament are provided at Annexure-II.

In addition to the above, the High Powered Review Board of Brahmaputra Board chaired by the Hon'ble Minister, WR, RD & GR has also reviewed the performance of Board during its meetings. The 7th Meeting of High Powered Review Board was held during the year 2014-15 on 11.2.2015 at Shillong, Meghalaya and the 8th Meeting was held during the year 2015-16 on 19.6.2015 at New Delhi.

The performance of Brahmaputra Board was also appraised by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources during their study visits to Guwahati. The last two visits were held as below:
(i) 2014-15 - during 31st January to 4th February, 2015
(ii) 2015-16 - during 5th to 9th October, 2015.

(c) The projects sanctioned and approved under Brahmaputra Board during each of the last three years and the current year are:
1. 2016-17 (Current year):
(i) Protection of Majuli Island from flood and erosion of Brahmaputra Phase-IV (A) for Rs. 124.12 crore approved in February 2016.
(ii) Pola Drainage Development Scheme technically approved for Rs. 21.05 Crore in October 2016.
2. 2015-16:
(i) Nelli Drainage Development Scheme technically approved forRs. 14.60 Crore.
3. 2014-15:
(i) Protection of Mankachar, Kalair-Alga International Border area from erosion of river Brahmaputra sanctioned for Rs. 23.79 crore in July 2014.
(ii) Protection of Maslabari International Border Area of Dhubri District from erosion of River Brahmaputra sanctioned for Rs. 5.76 crore in September 2014.
(iii) Kalamonijan Drainage Development Scheme technically approved for Rs. 4.82 Crore.
4. 2013-14
(i) Jengrai Drainage Development Scheme sanctioned for Rs. 5.23 crore (revised) in December 2013.
(d) & (e) The difficulties faced in implementation of the projects and remedial measures are:
(a) Progress of construction of bank revetment hampered due to ban on collection of boulders by the Hon'ble Meghalaya High Court. To overcome the difficulties in construction of bank revetment, boulders are substituted by earth/silt filled Geo-bags.

(b) Progress of construction of retirement bund hampered due to problem of land acquisition. To overcome the difficulties, the matter was taken up with Government of Assam.
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Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Unstarred Question No. 1391 due for answer in LokSabha reg. Performance of Brahmaputra Board
Meeting of Brahmaputra Board held during last three year and current year

Year Meeting No Date
2013-14 56th Meeting of Brahmaputra Board held at Tripura, Agartala 5.6.2013
57th Meeting of Brahmaputra Board held at Tripura, Agartala 5.6.2013

2014-15 58th Meeting of Brahmaputra Board held at Guwahati, Assam 27.6.2014

2015-16 59th Meeting of Brahmaputra Board held at Guwahati, Assam 3.7.2015
60th Meeting of Brahmaputra Board held at New Delhi 3.3.2016

2016-17 61st Meeting of Brahmaputra Board held at Guwahati, Assam 22.8.2016

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Unstarred Question No. 1391 due for answer in Lok Sabha reg. Performance of Brahmaputra Board
Details of laying of Annual Reports of Brahmaputra Board in both houses of Parliament during last three years and current year
Year Date of Laying in Lok Sabha Date of Laying in Rajya Sabha
2012-13 17.02.14 11.02.14
2013-14 26-02-15 02.03.15
2014-15 17.12.15 21.12.15